IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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MAGNETIC RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR ENCODER [Corresponding to PCT/JP00/08445 Filed November 30, 2000] THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for encoder according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 0.1 to 10 parts of vulcanization agent per 100 parts of hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.

6. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for an encoder according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 2 to 30 parts of carbon

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